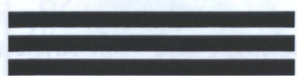


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We are proud to announce that the Bulletin has been reincarnated! This is a special white cover edition.

Our new Bulletin may start some "bells ringing", that is, if you are as observant as we think you are. We have moved, like many other UFO Organisations, to a slightly smaller standard page size publication. It contains the same amount of information, but gives us more control over the covers (see the month and year on the front cover), and can be folded to a slightly smaller convenient pocket size.

Previously, the publication process involved a nightmare of: printing pages on a quality ink-jet printer; manually cutting each of these pages to their correct size; carefully gluing the pages in pairs onto sheets of cardboard, in a very strange order; and delivering these cardboard sheets, "wrapped in cottonwool" to the printer for photographing, printing, collating and guillotining. Sometimes, the results were not quite as was expected.

A lovely feeling of freedom has arrived with the new electronic printing process, which eliminates the previous messy activity. This Bulletin was printed directly from a special computer file, using a quality, high-tech, laser-printer. We feel certain you will enjoy the lovely clean, crisp, print, the greatly improved image quality, and the precision alignment of the pages.

Our most recent acquisition to the investigation unit, Mrs. Judith McGinnes, will be happy to show us a video, at the upcoming "Discussion Evening" meeting, of interviews taken in her region during the "Orange Ball" flap (page 17), and to inform the meeting of any further reports she might have, since making the video.

We do appreciate friend, Gene Duplantier's sense of humour - thanks Gene.

There is another light-hearted report from Canada, to make your day! On page 20, you will find a brief article from Gene's Delve Report, claiming that the Canadian dollar will rise "Due to ET spending" ☺

Perhaps we should endeavour to create an interest for the Canadian E.T.'s to come and visit us, although the Australian dollar does not appear to be in need of assistance to help it rise. I certainly wouldn't qualify as a new Canadian E.T. immigrant to Quebec, 'cause' I don't speak French!

Finally, for those interested in an intriguing science mystery, see page 26 to find out more about "A Star With Two North Poles," and how this came about. More information is available via the web address provided, if you wish to delve further into this interesting phenomenon.

ON THE UFO TRAIL

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A joke book could be written about sceptics' explanations attempting to debunk the UFO activity in the Grampians. It is perhaps not surprising that most of those making these attempts have elected to pontificate on events they have not actually seen because they were not there at the time.

Steven Swanwick, a long-time resident of the area, discovered the UFO activity in June 2001 and has continued to observe the activity almost nightly, since that time. He knows the mountains and valleys of the region like the palm of his hand, and is familiar with all the walking tracks and fire trails, even those that are rarely used.

Steven has observed the UFO objects and their activities so many times, that he now recognises many of the UFOs and has given some of them names, in accordance with their apparent function and special characteristics.

One debunker, who had not been to the area of UFO activity monitored by Stephen, stated, "someone should go there and study the site and someone else should be investigating the activity." Such a statement would appear to be motivated by political imperative rather than a real interest in investigation.

Other sceptics have described the lights as "townships". I have personally seen these so-called "townships" from the opposite side of the mountain range, still operating in concert with their smaller objects. All that is necessary is to watch them for a few nights, rather than having a cursory-drive-by glance.

There are sceptics who have not observed the UFO activity in real-life, but have suggested that the lights are merely car lights. While the limited view of a video camera might initially convey that impression to some, a more comprehensive on-site view, in which glowing objects are seen flying over mountain tops, and in some cases straight upward, alters the sceptic's perception of the origin of the lights.

Earth-lights have also been put forward as a possible explanation for the active lights. While the characteristics of Earth-lights might be similar to those of some of the lights, most exhibit intelligent response to remote external stimuli. Clearly, Earth-lights would not be expected to respond intelligently to such stimuli.

These UFOs are more than just lights. During full moonlight nights, solid structures can be seen when the objects are not glowing. Under these conditions still more details can be seen with the aid of binoculars and telescopes.

It seems strange to me that many residents in the area who, when they see the objects, do not give them a second glance. They treat them as part of the scenery.

The most spectacular, recent sighting was of a large yellow coloured light which flew all the way across the Wartook lake and vanished under the overhanging cliff of Reids Lookout. Two witnesses waited for four hours, but did not see the light emerge from below the overhanging cliff.

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Over the past few weeks the UFOs' behaviour appears to have been fairly routine - small objects moving back and forth in relation to larger stationary objects, or others just remaining stationary, while glowing for intervals ranging from a few seconds to several minutes.

I will devote the second half of this column to my trip to China. To date I have been reluctant to write about this trip due to confidentiality requirements.

A Chinese contact, who resided in the city of Xian, once the ancient city of China, invited me to visit him in his home. I applied for a visa and received a letter requesting my reason for visiting the country. My reason was to visit friends. I was then asked to provide the names of the friends I intended visiting.

Upon supplying the names, the officialdom realised that my friends were also members of a UFO group. I was notified that I would have to stay in a hotel for westerners, not in a private home. I learned that at one time, a group of UFO researchers was "roughed up" during a meeting because the officials thought that UFOs were weapons given to Taiwan by the Americans.

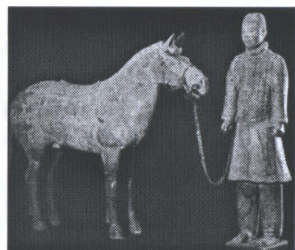
At a later date, a large UFO was seen landing on a hilltop and was shortly thereafter fired upon. The UFO immediately flew away, undamaged, and the officials realised that their initial thoughts, in relation to weaponry for Taiwan, were incorrect. UFO groups were henceforth encouraged to report sightings and were even funded by the government, but were forbidden to discuss the subject with foreigners.

The group had heard about the Frederick Valentich encounter and was keen to hear as much as possible about this case in the time available. Descriptions of their UFO encounters were very similar to our own. They covered encounters involving electro-magnetic effects, animal reactions, radiation, craft manoeuvrability, colour or shape change, ill-effects including nose bleeding, headaches, sore eyes, and psychological changes.

After my visit with the group, which took place at an undisclosed location, I flew back to Beijing. While waiting for a flight to Hong Kong, I enquired about a local UFO group in Beijing, but was unable to make contact.

While staying at the Beijing hotel, before going out, I arranged the clothes in my luggage in a special way, and each time upon returning, noted that the clothes had been rearranged. This happened so regularly that it appeared to be routine practice - a suspicious attitude. When I checked out of the hotel, the receptionist accompanied me to the taxi to be sure that I was getting out of China.

Before leaving China, I had an opportunity to do some sightseeing. The Great Wall of China is a very interesting tourist attraction, being the only man-made structure visible from the Moon, but the most intriguing attraction for me was the Terracotta Tomb of the first Qin dynasty Emperor of China.



**Terracotta
Cavalryman
With Horse**

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The tomb, which was accidentally discovered in 1974 by two Chinese digging a well, contained the burial pits of 7000 life-sized sculptures of soldiers living at that time (Qin dynasty - 221-206 BC). Each sculpture of a soldier was so true-to-life, it even had the soldier's signature on its belt. Additional sculptures found, included life-sized army horses and chariots.

The Chinese Emperor believed that by making life-like statues of his live soldiers, he would enable them to more effectively defend him during his after-life. Each soldier's sculpture at the entrance to the tomb, was armed with a crossbow ready to shoot. The Terracotta army was still being excavated while I was visiting China.

Co-operation In The 1960s

The U.F.O. Investigator, 1968

The Airlines

An impressive network of English and European airlines has agreed to report UFO sightings to the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena. The arrangement is called EURONET. Its founder and director is Julian Hennessey, a member of NICAP's European Subcommittee. About twenty airlines thus far have agreed to participate in the NICAP Project.

Among the participants are British Overseas Airways Corporation, British European Airways, Lufthansa, KLM-Royal Dutch Airlines, British United Airways, Invicta Airways, Caledonian Airways, Alitalia, Irish International Airlines, British Eagle International Airlines, Icelandair and Iberian Air Lines.

Over 700 aircraft crews are participating in the project. The air route area covered is over half a million miles.

The Military

A semi-confidential Brazilian Colloquium on UFOs, reportedly attended by official military and intelligence personnel, has promulgated a resolution that declares UFOs to be of extra-terrestrial origin.

Led by the president of the Brazilian Institute of Astronautics and Space Sciences, the Colloquium resolved that "a critical, scientific study over a period of nearly twenty years allows us to come to the conclusion that flying saucers exist ... (and) are extraterrestrial objects."

Noting that the UFO phenomenon is global in nature and inexplicable by current scientific standards, the Brazilian group recommended that the scientific community and the public give it increased attention. Government representatives at the Colloquium said there will be a constant exchange of information between private researchers and official agencies.

Mission: Identify Those Flying Objects

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Thursday, when NASA launches another shuttle into orbit, the folks at Mission Control won't be the only ones following its every move.

Jeff Challender will be watching every second of shuttle footage available on cable television from his Sacramento home. And he'll be recording it, adding it to his collection of hundreds of missions, for proof.

Proof of what, he doesn't know. But Challender, 49, believes National Aeronautics and Space Administration cameras are catching glances of UFOs.

Alien spacecraft, space animals, secret government experiments or none of the above - Challender has no idea what they are. But despite debunkers who say he's staring at ice particles or other space junk, Challender doesn't think the white spots occasionally moving across his screen can be explained by normal means.

These flying objects are, at least for him, "unidentified."

"I don't go for the flying saucers and little green men routine," he says. "All I know is that there is something appearing on NASA video that doesn't belong there."

Though there are many UFO trackers in Sacramento, he's one of only a handful in the world that scope NASA flights for clues. And for his patience and dedication to detail, watching video that he says produces about 10 seconds of "interesting" material out of several hundred hours, he has become respected as a self-taught "expert" in the wider UFO community.

"He has probably more expertise than anyone else, certainly outside of government, in looking at the film," says George Filer, a retired Air Force major who runs a UFO Web site from New Jersey.

Challender, disabled by a severe spinal injury, lies on a mattress surrounded by an arsenal of recording equipment for his work: nine VCRs, stacks of VHS tapes, two DVD burners and a DVD player.

With his massive, hand-built, quadruple hard-drive computer in front, he seems suspended in some kind of space vessel himself.

But the only thing that hints of extraterrestrial interests is a little silver alien, perched on top of his computer.

Challender grabs the NASA footage from Channel 72, run by the Sacramento Educational Cable Consortium. From this mission

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he'll probably examine 30 to 40 hours of tape, sometimes straight from breakfast to when his family calls him to dinner.

The long-time aviation junkie started taping missions in 1997, just for fun, to edit each one into a documentary. But in 1999, he saw something that grabbed his attention: an illuminated dot, pulsating as it whizzed across the screen. Then, later, he saw many white dots moving around, changing direction and speed.

What were they? Challender has been tracking similar "anomalies" ever since.

"I want answers," says the former railroad labourer. "I believe something's going on and the facts are being kept from us."

NASA isn't so sure.

"I'm not aware of any visuals of (extraterrestrial) activity," says Fred Brown, executive producer of NASA Television.

Challender points to incidents where the camera seems to zoom in on one of the dots and then cuts off the live footage - signs, he says, of a cover-up.

Nonsense, Brown says, "If those things were out there and we were trying to hide them, we wouldn't put them on NASA Television."

Challender is probably seeing bits of liquid or ice, close to the camera, blown around by jets of gas from the shuttle, says Seth Shostak, an astronomer at the SETI Institute, a non-profit organization running what used to be NASA's "Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence."

"You have to be careful," he says, "They're very impressive if you're naive."

But Jack Kasher, a retired University of Nebraska, Omaha, physicist, says he's viewed Challender's findings, concluding that they aren't ice particles and challenging anyone who says so to prove it.

Still, Shostak says, why would SETI spend millions searching for alien radio signals if there were Martians buzzing around every NASA mission?

Shostak believes that there is alien life. If 10 percent of stars had planets and 1 percent of those supported life, there could be millions of worlds with life just in our galaxy, he calculates.

But NASA would have no incentive to hide any evidence.

"That would be the greatest thing for NASA. Their budget would go up instead of going down," he says.

Bernard Haisch, ex-director of the California Institute for Physics and Astrophysics, has led several NASA studies, and doesn't think the civilian agency is involved in any cover-up - but he thinks there probably is one.

In fact, there are quite a few government people and aviation experts - even famed astronauts Gordon Cooper and Edgar Mitchell - who believe the government knows more than it's telling.

"I know there's something out there because I've chased 'em," Filer says. Flying in the Air

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Force in 1962, he was ordered to follow a supernaturally large object detected by radar and came close enough to see its lights before it disappeared.

Aviators apparently have so many such experiences that one ex-NASA scientist founded the National Aviation Reporting Centre on Anomalous Phenomena, which compiles UFO reports from pilots.

Since the government no longer investigates UFO reports, the task falls on these private organizations and on amateurs.

The Mutual UFO Network, for example, is dedicated to investigating all sightings. Cynthia Siegel, director of the Sacramento chapter is training half a dozen locals to become "field investigators," to document sightings with interviews, photographs and video - even soil samples.

"There are so many more accounts than people realize," Siegel says.

The National UFO Reporting Centre recorded two Sacramento-area reports in December: a "cigar-shaped craft" and a "triangular craft with three large white lights."

Challender, searching for more using a different technique, founded Project P.R.O.V.E. It stands for "People Recording Orbiting Vehi-

cles from Earth," which says it all. Challenger holds his ordinary camcorder to the sky when the International Space Station passes over Sacramento and waits for something unusual. So far ... nothing.

"But I don't give up hope," he says.

An even more difficult project may be establishing credibility for UFO buffs. To help change the kooky image, Linda Willitts of Folsom, works on Project Disclosure, which gathers testimony from top government and military figures who "believe."

On the other hand, she participates in what some consider the definition of kooky, travelling around the country to summon ETs through meditation.

"We ask them to show up and they always do," she says.

That's not Challenger's style. He shirks the "true believer" label and diligently fills out incident reports for everything he sees, striving to be scientific. Yet he knows he's unlikely to solve the puzzle from his home in Sacramento.

"The only way I will find out is with full government disclosure. Or if something lands in my front yard and asks me if I want a ride," he says with a chuckle. "But I'm not holding out for that."

GOOD NEWS!

**Stanton Friedman's Excellent UFO Videos Have Returned
Available At The June 2nd Discussion Evening**

The Early Years

Compiled by Clive Yates

Selected reports from magazines published in the 1950s and 1960s

Austin, Texas - May 12, 1959 *The U.F.O. Investigator* (National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena). Eight UFOs following each other at four minute intervals beginning about 08:00 p.m. were reported by Mr T. H. Phillips. He and his family clocked the objects because of their peculiar appearance as they moved from north to south slightly to the east of the city. Mr Phillips said the objects were as bright as Venus when they first appeared, then became alternatively bright and dim. After the fifth object came into view, the family called a newspaper. Reporter Nat Henderson said he saw the object at the position stated by Mr Phillips. In appearance the UFOs resembled fast-moving stars.

Palma, Majorca - May 24, 1960 *Orbit* (Tyneside U.F.O. Society). A mysterious triangular object was sighted by astronomers at the Palma Observatory. It appeared about the size of a quarter moon, reports Reuters. The observatory said it could not have been a Soviet spacecraft since it was travelling east-southeast to west-northwest. Its velocity, altitude and lack of nose or tail ruled out it being a jet aircraft or a balloon.

Peruvian Coast - December 30, 1966 *The Canadian U.F.O. Report* (Published by John Magor). The Captain of a Canadian-Pacific Airlines DC-8, Robert Millbank and his five crew sighted an unconventionally behaving airborne object over the Peruvian coast as they headed northwest at 35,000 ft. altitude early in the morning. Capt. Millbank's report stated that the unknown was first spotted 70 degrees to the left of their flight path at an estimated elevation angle of about 10 degrees. There was a clear sky with stars visible. At first detection the unknown seemed to consist of a pair of lights of high luminosity, hovering for about a minute and pulsating. It next moved towards the plane and assumed a position off their left wing seeming to pace the DC-8 for another minute or two.

All six crewmen took turns looking at the unknown through various windows to be positive that window-reflection effects were not involved. As the unknown paced the aircraft, it appeared to be a pair of bright lights separated by 3-4 degrees and with some vaguely perceptible structure joining the lights. Its distance from the aircraft could not be reliably estimated but was felt to be of the order of perhaps a mile. A V-shaped pair of thin light beams emanated from the object pointing upwards initially but downwards later according to Millbank's account. All passengers were asleep and no photographs were taken. After pacing the DC-8, the object was seen to accelerate, pull away and climb rapidly over the Pacific to the west, where it was lost in the distance.

International Sighting Reports

Selected extracts from Filer's Files #19 - 2003 MUFON Skywatch Investigations
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Worldwide UFO Sightings Increase

Connecticut, Small Metallic Saucer; New York, Orb Over Secure Site; Florida, Elongated Orange Cigar; Illinois, Gold Illuminated Object; Wisconsin, Four Lights "Leapfrog"; Arkansas, Disk; Iowa, Five Shiny Metallic Ovals; South Dakota, Five Erratic Lights; New Mexico, Flashing Red Light; Arizona, Bright Diamond Object; California, Easter Flying Triangle; Canada, Sightings Continue; Peru, Big Bright Light On Volcano; UK/England, High Speed Lights; Canary Islands, Day Oval Craft; Sweden, Disc Hovers Over Housing; Ukraine, UFO Wave Over Crimea; Senegal, Amazing Sound And Light.

Connecticut, Small Metallic Saucer

Plantsville - Small disc-like saucer spotted while driving on I-84 near the highway on April 12, 2003, at 04:40 p.m., appeared to be small, but moving very fast and flipping over constantly. It seemed to fly at a constant speed and altitude, and appeared to be made of a metallic substance.

Thanks to Peter Davenport (PD)
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New York, Orb Over Secure Site

Yaphank - The witness was driving north on to Yaphank Avenue on April 10, 2003,

when a strobe light flash caught his attention, "when I looked North West I saw a whitish shape hovering above the Suffolk County Minimum Security facility. I watched it until the trees obstructed my view at 12:10 a.m.

"There were no visible lights, other than the initial flash that attracted my attention. Once I reached my destination (on the same road), I watched the general area for about 5 minutes, but there was no further sign of the object. But an airplane did fly near the same location about 5 minutes after my sighting."

(NUFORC Note: Witness is a member of law enforcement. PD)

Plattsburgh - It moved from the northwestern to the southeastern sky from where we were on April 16, 2003, at 09:00 p.m. at an extremely high altitude and was moving at a speed covering about 30 miles of sky in 1 minute. My friend is a pilot and this is how we came to the conclusion that this was not a man-made craft. It also did not have a tail ruling out a shouting star, nor did it have any flashing lights. It was a constant white glow.

This was followed shortly by the appearance of 2 fighter jets that usually don't fly patterns this time of night.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
www.ufocenter.com

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Florida, Elongated Orange Cigar

Gainesville - The witness was preparing Mom's flowerbed on April 22, 2003, at 08:52 p.m., and was lying on the grass trying to recover from the work. The observer says, "I was just laying there watching fireflies and shooting stars go by, when I saw what I thought was a very large meteor burning up.

"I saw an orange flare suddenly appear in the sky but instead of burning up it slowed down and passed over me. It was orange, glowing, and elongated. Kind of like a cylinder or cigar. I yelled, "What the hell is that?" and I must have sounded upset because my mother looked up.

"I told her I saw it enter the atmosphere and if it were a plane we'd only see lights blinking. We watched it until it was too far away to see and it flew south in a slow (slower than even a single prop plane) curving zigzag. It just slowly went from left to right as it went forward.

"My heart is still racing. I've seen a lot of strange lights out here in the past, but this is the first time I actually saw a shape."

Thanks to Peter Davenport
www.ufocenter.com

Illinois, Gold Illuminated Object

Orland Park - Sam Maranto writes, "My wife and I had a great sighting last night on LaGrange Road 159th Street of a large Gold/Orange illuminating object with other lights ascending/descending from or about it.

"This was a great sighting that we observed for two stoplights and a few miles at 30 to 45 mph before it flew out of view. My official response so far has been from radio dispatch for Orland Park/Hills Police dispatch "balloons and children".

"It had one hell of a light system and a most sophisticated propulsion unit. Its speed and light show make it unlikely to be attached to balloons, or else they have a better expense account than NASA."

Thanks to Illinois MUFON
marantoj@prodigy.net

Wisconsin, Four Lights "Leapfrog"

Plover - There were four bright orange lights about a hundred feet high, probably less than a mile away near Highway 54 at 09:30 p.m., on April 24, 2003. They were in a horizontal line, maybe 20 feet spacing between each one.

It appeared as though the right-most light split into two, and the new light floated off farther to the right, and the left-most light faded out. So, in this leapfrog fashion, there seemed to always be 4 lights in the sky. They "leap-frogged" 3 or 4 times while I was watching, then they faded away.

This all happened in less than 10 seconds in the southwest corner of Plover, Wisconsin, appearing to be. It was a mostly clear, warm spring evening.

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Arkansas, Disk

Royal - The observers were taking pictures on April 18, 2003, just before dark at 07:30

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p.m., on a lake. They report, "We did not see objects until we downloaded pictures on our computer."

Anchorage - A group of friends were outside on the upper deck on April 19, 2003, at 12:30 a.m., when one witness saw two stars start moving past the other stars. One "star" seemed to be leading the other, and they made a fairly sharp turn together before disappearing in about 15 seconds.

"I was the only one who saw this. Five minutes later, I saw a single "star" make its way straight down the sky, making a couple slight changes in direction along the way. One of my friends saw most of this manoeuvre."

Thanks to Peter Davenport

Iowa, Five Shiny Metallic Ovals

Cedar Rapids - Five shiny metallic ovals in tight formation moving north to south over downtown Cedar Rapids on April 14, 2003, at 04:00 p.m. Ovals would switch and trade positions with one another while maintaining a tight formation. I would guess that they were at a couple thousand feet in altitude.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
www.ufocenter.com

South Dakota, Five Erratic Lights

Hot Spring - Five points of light were seen moving somewhat jerkily and more quickly than satellites on April 24, 2003. They were not quite in a straight line and all were seen within about 15 to 20 minutes of each other

around 09:00 p.m. First one appeared as a light increasing in intensity then fading, then moved southeast, next one northwest, then 2 southeast, then 1 more appeared overhead with a bright flash, faded, and moved southeast.

About five minutes later four different aircraft moved through the area, although appeared to be at lower altitude - identified as aircraft, because had port and starboard lights and strobes on and 1 was low enough to be audible. We are an hour's drive from Ellsworth Air Force Base.

Thanks to Peter Davenport

New Mexico, Flashing Red Light

Gallup - A very sharp, fast flashing red light was spotted on April 20, 2003, at 02:00 a.m., travelling southwest at a slow pace. Suddenly the light stopped its motion and became still with no movement.

The sharp, red flashing continued and suddenly, the red light began to zigzag up and down. It did this for 4 or 5 turns then stopped (continuing to flash sharply). I watched it for what seemed like 2-3 minutes. The evening was very calm and clear with about a 3/4 full moon.

Then the object lit up and shot out at an extremely fast pace towards the southwest. The red light went from still, no motion, to blast off. It looked very similar to a comet with a light tail. It flew into light speed.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
www.ufocenter.com

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Arizona, Bright Diamond Object

South Phoenix - On April 21, 2003, roommates while sitting in the hot tub at 09:45 p.m., noticed a bright light in the sky. The eyewitness states, "My roommate started looking towards the west so I looked too, because the light of the object was so bright and big." We saw a diamond shape light, extremely bright (brighter than the moon), moving at great speed west to east. We saw it for possibly 5-8 seconds before it vanished.

Thanks to Peter Davenport.

California, Easter Flying Triangle

Cardiff-By-The-Sea - Standing on the beach at 09:07 p.m. I noticed lights moving across the sky on April 20, 2003. I looked up to see a large flying triangle craft with 60 degree angles, rounded corners and three large white lights (each light was at least 1/10 the size of the entire craft), located on the bottom of the object centred toward each corner.

The object followed a near straight path from south to north about 1,000 ft. up and just off the Pacific coast. It seemed to be moving faster than a commercial jet, but was two to three times as large, and made no sound that I could hear. It had no visible wings or tail, but flew with the triangle pointed in the direction of flight. I am 22 year old male and obtained my associates degree two years ago.

San Francisco - A disk-shaped object with pulsating lights with a general colour of white and slate blue emerged from behind low clouds on April 23, 2003, at 10:22 p.m., and

acted like a plane would as it trailed across the sky from west to east in the southern sky.

But then it zigged slightly and seemingly a bit too sharply for a plane or helicopter, about two seconds later it moved extremely quickly out, directly away from our vantage point and in a matter of a second it was a pinpoint then gone.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
www.ufocenter.com

Canada, Sightings Continue

Guelph, Ontario - A series of dim lights in a V-shaped formation were sighted on April 24, 2003. It was not so much a triangle that seemed to change shape before we lost sight of it. We believe it had seven lights, with three on each wing and one in the centre lead.

One witness who is a former F-18 pilot estimated it was flying at 4,000 feet at high speed heading north. It flew silently above us, but did not appear to be a known aircraft.

Houston - On April 24, 2003, starting at 10:55 p.m., two witnesses caught sight of a really interesting and strange light/object. At two kilometres west of the town in front of them a small glowing sphere shaped object was almost sitting on Highway #16 at the top of the hill.

The witness had just crossed the bridge when they caught sight of this light. As they got about half way up the hill, the light disappeared from their line of sight. Once they arrived at the crest of the hill, again they noted the light moving north away from them, and

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flying almost straight down Highway #16 at a low altitude.

It flew 80 to 100 feet off the road. The witnesses were at the time travelling at a speed of 80 to 90 kilometres per hour and the object was slowly pulling ahead of them. They lost sight of it once again just before the Irrigation Lake turnoff.

The only reason the object disappeared from their vision was due to the hills blocking their view. The total time that they observed the event was twenty to thirty seconds. The object was completely round, glowing, and pulsating. It was about the size of a small digital satellite dish from the distance they had to view it.

The object made no sudden movements, such as to the right or left, it stayed on a straight flight path. They heard no sound coming from it. Also at one point the object seemed to light up the solid white reflective centre roadway markings.

Quick, BC - On April 24, 2003, a farmer and his son were out tending their cattle on a dairy farm at 11:20 p.m., when they saw a bright ball of white/yellowish light. The son was hauling out manure from the barn with their tractor when he gave out a yell for his Dad to come out and look.

He pointed to the western edge of their farm, and sitting at a dead stop just over the top of evergreen trees, was the ball of light. No sound could be heard from it. It was close to the size of a full pickup truck. The sighting lasted ten to fifteen seconds, before it started moving north towards the Telkwa/Smithers area.

They lost sight of the light/object after it rose up slightly to get over a small hill in the distance. They said what ever it was seemed to take it's time and flew in a straight line to the west, but at a very low level before having to gain a little in altitude to make it over a hill top. There was no reaction from the farm animals.

Tyhee Lake, Telkwa - On April 24, 2003, at 11:45 p.m., the observer was driving on Telkwa High Road near Tyhee Lake Provincial Park, when he observed a ball of light flying "erratically" low over the lake. The light was moving quite quickly and seemed out of control when it first caught his attention.

He stopped his vehicle to watch, and it cast it's light onto the lake below it. There was no sound, but he remained in his vehicle as the "thing" flew up the lake, moving from side to side, up and down, until it reached almost half way up the lake, then it veered off to the northeast towards Babine Lake at a high rate of speed, clearing the mountain on the far side of the lake.

The sighting lasted a little over ten seconds. The object was the size of a small car, was bright, and off white in colour.

Thanks to Brian Vike - HBCC UFO Research http://www3.telus.net/public/wilbur8/hbcc_ufo_research.htm

Peru, Big Bright Light On Volcano

Arequipa - At 04:00 p.m., a big bright light was seen on top of Pichu Pichu Volcano at 4,800 meters above sea level on April 17,

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2003. There are no airports or roads in this remote Andean region in Peru.

The witness says, "I had my digital camera, and took several pictures and a video in MPG format. The light was flashing/moving up and down as if someone was holding a giant mirror against the sun on top of the volcano."

(NUFORC Note: Witness provides high-quality videotape of the glinting from the top of a distant mountain. We do not know what caused the phenomenon, but we do observe that the Sun is almost directly behind the photographer, and a three-corner reflector device for accurately measuring the seismic changes in the movement of the volcano might cause the reflection, although that is purely a guess on our part. PD)

UK/England, High Speed Lights

Norwich - Two friends were walking back from the city, on April 11, 2003, at 02:00 a.m., when they saw an object in the sky, with two lights on the top and a beam of light coming from the bottom. The eyewitnesses state, "The object seemed to direct us into the road so we could see it and once we realized it wasn't a plane we ran up towards it.

"As we got closer it moved so it was facing directly towards us. Then it hovered left and right between a cut in the houses. There was a main road next to the houses so we had to stand in the road to see it. After about 40 seconds it completely disappeared."

Wolverhampton - An unidentified craft was seen accelerating to massive speeds then instantly changing direction on April 20, 2003.

The craft appeared to be a standard civilian jumbo jet at first glance, but all you could see were the lights on what appeared to be the wings. It travelled north at 09:00 p.m., and accelerated to an astonishing speed then instantly shot southeast and disappeared behind a hill.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
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Canary Islands, Day Oval Craft

Los Realejos, Tenerife Island, Spain

- On April 11, 2003, the witness was driving in the country between banana plantations at 09:30 a.m., and saw a white small oval-shaped craft with no lights, that made no noise.

The eyewitness reports, "It flew in one direction and went inside the clouds that were not high, then it appeared flying in the opposite direction and the speed of the craft was slow.

"At first I thought it was a big bird, but after I saw it was oval, I stopped the car and started looking for it, but I couldn't find it again."

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Sweden, Disc Hovers Over Housing

Stockholm - The onlooker reports, "My girlfriend and I were about to eat lunch on April 11, 2003, at 03:40 p.m., when she saw a disc shaped thing hovering over a housing area in Stockholm. It stood still for a few seconds and moved rapidly to another spot to hover again.

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I grabbed my digital camera to record this strange behaving object. Unfortunately I only got three seconds on film, due to my aged camera. I have never seen anything moving so fast nor hovering at such precision.

We are to this day puzzled over what we saw. It was an amazing sight! I uploaded the movie to my personal homepage:
<http://medlem.spray.se/downloadthe/UFO.avi>

(NUFORC Note: We have viewed the video clip, which shows a disc-shaped object hovering over a populated shoreline, then suddenly banking toward the camera and accelerating very rapidly to the left. The rocking of the boat, from which the video apparently was taken, helps provide some reference for the acceleration of the object. PD)

Ukraine, UFO Wave Over Crimea

Simferopol - The Ukrainian UFO Association reports the end of April was a hot UFO week over the Crimean peninsula (Krym Autonomous Republic), south of Ukraine. A bright pulsating multicolour "star" was seen by 53 year old Lenura A. Azizova on April 23, 2003, at 10:30 p.m.

The witness stepped outside her house and suddenly noticed a bright flash in sky and a pulsating light right in the middle of constellation Auriga. The light was very bright, like an electric lamp that was pulsating red, violet, yellow and white. It flew in a zigzag trajectory, up and down through the sky. It definitely was not a satellite nor airplane.

This object made no sound and was observed for three to five minutes, before it flew away.

The object was estimated to be huge about 112 meters in size. It had a multi-corner form, with 5 corner-rays, like a sea star in shape, with central dome on top, and sign like a trident on its hull. Based on the data obtained, Anton believes, this could possibly be an alien spacecraft from Sirius, a star system.

Simferopol, White Object Hovers

On Saturday, April 26, 2003, at 08:00 p.m., two residents of Simferopol, Aleksey and Alexander Z. observed an unusual object in southwestern sky, not far from Sirius. Suddenly, the bright white "star", brighter even than Sirius, appeared high in sky after flash. It was hovering for several seconds, slowly moving, and then sharply fade away, like the electric lamp being switched off.

Simferopol, Alien Abduction - The local resident reported that in the evening, when he went on to his balcony on the multi-storey building, he dazedly noticed the strangest scene he ever saw in his life. A ray of light descended from sky pointing at a nearby balcony. Suddenly, a totally naked man appeared in the centre of this light right on the balcony.

The UFO itself was obviously hovering above, but it was not visible. Only the ray of light shining down could be seen. The man was apparently half-conscious and in a fagged out state. Being frightened, the witness left his balcony back to his flat in fear that he might be abducted too.

UFO Hovers Over Highway - On Thursday, April 24, 2003, a disk-shaped UFO was seen hovering over Evpatoriyskoye Highway northwest of Simferopol's outskirts, near the Dzerzhinskiy collective farm. An energetic

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anomaly flew off the craft that may be responsible for an auto accident.

Later that day, at the same location a road accident occurred when two cars collided. All drivers and passengers survived, but both cars were destroyed. Note the 24th, of every month is a very active date for UFOs.

Thanks to Anton A. Anfalov, UKUFAS (Ukrainian UFO Association) an@crimea.com

Senegal, Amazing Sound And Light

Dakar - On April 11, 2003, at 04:30 a.m., there was just incredible sound and the light coming out from the object, which seemed to be as powerful as the sunlight.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
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Mystery Object Seen In Geelong's Night Sky

By Garry Cotton

Geelong Advertiser, Friday 31 January 2003

A bright orange ball, which appeared in Geelong's western sky, is under investigation by UFO researchers.

It was captured on film by a Hamlyn Heights family who said the speed and size of the object was frightening.

Logan Street resident Yyvone McLachlan said her daughters had been lying on a trampoline looking at the stars about 10:30 p.m. Saturday when they noticed a small orange ball in the sky.

She said it appeared to rush towards them growing larger in the sky, and the children became so scared they ran inside screaming.

Two photographs were taken seconds apart, one showing a pinprick of light, the next a large glowing ball. Mrs McLachlan said the clarity of the images had been affected by their porch light.

Mrs McLachlan said the orange light hovered in the sky, turned on its axis to become a white light, then began to rise with the light getting dimmer.

She said it reappeared at 11:00 p.m. slightly to the southwest of its original position, then disappeared.

Mrs McLachlan said at first she thought it was an asteroid, until it accelerated towards them, stopped, hovered, then rose back into the sky.

"It was absolutely spectacular and it's a pity the photographs did not show more detail," she said.

The Victorian UFO Research Society said the incident was similar to ones experienced for some time in The Grampians and in Western Australia.

We're UFO Central

By Jennifer Lang

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It all started at around 09:00 p.m. on a dark winter's eve in February.

Three women from Houston, B.C., were driving home from Smithers after a day of shopping when they noticed something unusual in the sky.

A bright, shining object was visible high in the clouds above them. They thought it was the moon.

Then it did something strange. It moved.

Without warning it swept through the cloud bank, dropped down towards the dark forest next to the highway, flew over their vehicle and vanished out of sight.

Enter Brian Yike, an independent field researcher who's been a full-time investigator into strange occurrences across northern B.C. for the past four years.

"They're just normal folks," Vike says. "But what they've seen scared the heck out of them. One of them didn't even go to work and had to have someone stay with her for about a week."

A mutual friend put them in touch with Vike, a former forest industry worker who lives in Houston B.C.

Vike, 50, is a friendly-sounding guy with a plain way of talking. He likes to interview people face to face. That way he can see if they're telling the truth.

The women, seated around a kitchen table as they told their story, were visibly nervous. On Feb. 1 they'd seen a huge, boomerang-shaped object with seven rectangular lights across the bottom.

"These people here are credible. They're not a bunch of hooligans," he says. They're church-goers who are married with children.

And they're definitely not the only "normal folks" in northern B.C. who've seen a UFO lately.

After the Telkwa Sighting, other reports from people along the Highway 16 route began to trickle into Vike's investigative headquarters, HBCC-UFO Research.

He wondered if the sightings were connected, so he issued a call all along Highway 16, asking anyone who had seen anything unusual in the sky to contact him.

He was inundated with reports by phone, email and through the post as Vike's request ap-

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peared in newspapers from Prince George to Kitimat.

But he wasn't prepared for the sheer number - a whopping 66 unexplained sightings from communities along, and north of, the highway - making UFO history.

Terrace, Vike says, is the undisputed hot spot of the region, with 17 sightings from here alone.

He received three sightings from Kitimat, two from Cranberry Junction, eight in Kitwanga, four in Old Hazelton and one in New Hazelton.

That's not counting the sightings that have come in from further east.

"That's a lot of sightings," Vike says, adding most of the reports came in during February and March.

They share some similarities, but mostly the reports are different.

Some UFOs looked like meteors or stars that changed direction all of a sudden.

"Meteors don't do that and stars, of course, stay stationary."

One report involved a group of older men who were camping south of Burns Lake when they saw an object they thought was an airplane at first.

It stopped in the distance above a field.

"He described it as, 'The light was sweeping something.' Then it was gone faster than it even arrived. So what was that?"

A group driving into Terrace watched a cube-shaped cloud hover above the peak of a mountain near Usk and then vanish.

Vike, who used to volunteer at the H.R. MacMillan Planetarium in Vancouver and was also a member of the Royal Astronomical Society, may be a scientist at heart.

"What I'm trying to do is look into (the report) and come up with possibilities that might fit."

Venus, also known as the Evening Star, has been responsible for countless UFO reports. The planet has tricked a few people who should know better, including astronauts and pilots.

Other UFOs are found to be aircraft, meteors, satellites, stars or even blimps.

Still, most of the northwest sightings remained unexplained - for now.

"Is there an attraction to Alcan? There's a big power source there."

So far he's ruled out secret military exercises above regional airports, but there's more work to be done.

He still has to contact observatories, and aviation agencies like Nav Canada.

Data can also be run through astronomy programs to see if a sighting can be correlated with a known object.

"I can tell you right now, a lot of them are not going to have answers," he says.

Meanwhile, Vike, the Telkwa Sighting and the Terrace reports are slated to be the focus of an up-coming episode of a new Discovery Channel show.

"Our town is excited," he says. "I'm invited to the next council meeting - whenever that is!"

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Canadian Dollar To Rise Due To ET Spending ☺

National Post, February 15, 2003

Delve Report, April 2003

Gene Duplantier, 17 Shetland St., Toronto, Ontario Canada

The UFOlogy Research Centre in Manitoba says more UFOs were spotted in Canadian skies in 2002 than ever before. The federal government has been quick to take credit, citing this previously classified pamphlet distributed to travel agents all over the universe ...

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Organ Pipes National Park, Vic.
05th April 2003, 12:02 p.m.

During his 1 to 2 minute observation of a round white flying object, the reporting observer was joined by his wife. The weather conditions were fine and clear with not a cloud in the sky. The observer indicated that the object appeared the size of a small star when compared with the Sun, and that the object was too far away to be audible.

He reports, "My wife and I were with my brother in-law when he decided to stop at random for a cuppa and rest stop as we were travelling to Bendigo from Somerville. He pulled into the car park at the Organ Pipes National Park, just north of Melbourne. When we stopped, everyone headed off to the rest rooms while I headed over to a seat/table under the trees near the car park. I decided to lie on my back on the low table to straighten by back.

"As I lay there (for a brief time) looking up through the gap in the treetops, I noticed what

I thought at first was either a Santa Clause (white seedling) or a white Plastic Bag high up in the sky, moving slowly from a SE direction. I thought it was one of the above-mentioned items just being carried along with a high wind stream.

"It stopped briefly, which I thought was strange as I thought the high wind would continue to carry the object. It then changed direction slightly, a little to the WNW. I thought this was also strange so decided to get up to have a better look from the clear car park only a few metres away.

"As I got to the car park I had a quick scan and found the object again, this time it was stationary at about 90 degrees to the right of the Sun (about a hand to the right side of the Sun).

"Blocking the Sun with my left hand I kept watching the stationary object for approximately 20 seconds. Meanwhile my wife Heather was coming back from the rest room area, so as she was there I asked her to block the Sun and look to the right of it and see if she can see a small stationary white object, which she did find.

"As we watched the stationary object we both had no idea of what it was. After about 15 seconds of being stationary it then suddenly took off in a NW direction and we both followed it visually for approximately 3 to 4 seconds, and in that time it travelled from being next to the Sun to reaching the low tree line not far off the horizon.

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"The object must have been moving at an incredible speed as it looked to have moved at about 10 times the speed of a satellite if it was that far out.

"It was very difficult to determine the size of the object, as it was so high, either 3 times higher than an aircraft at cruising height, or even higher like the height of a satellite.

"This was my first sighting of something that I find hard to explain. I have keen eyesight and have spent a lot of time as a lookout on R.A.N. ships and have spotted many lights, aircraft, and other ships, whilst on duty on Navy ships, but I have never seen anything like this before.

"Even my wife was at a loss to explain what we saw. Could you let me know if anyone else saw anything similar on that day? I would think that it could have been seen from many other parts of the State because of the height that it was at. Thanks ..."

There were no other reports received by VU-FORS of a similar event on that day.

Lavington, NSW 01st April 2003, 07:43 p.m.

The observer reported tracking, for about 2 minutes, a silent round "Fire Red" object, about the size of a 2 cent coin at arm's length, in the clear western sky, at an elevation of 30 degrees.

The observer writes, "Seemed to be an aeroplane at first. This object that seemed to have erratic speed and height changed my mind and I tracked this thing to the horizon.

"It had a round shape and looked 'Fire Red'.
"First seen heading west of Albury.

"I just have to say, having an interest in satellite communications, and from time to time tracking satellites that travel overhead. I've never seen anything like this.

"I'd like to think that this could be explained and justified as something normal that I've never seen."

Lindenow, Vic. 30th March 2003, 07:40 p.m.

The observer reported tracking two white star-like lights, larger than the brightest stars, at an elevation of 60 degrees, for less than 2 minutes, on a clear still night.

He writes, "Walked outside at about the time stated and high in the sky I saw a very bright light moving from the east heading west. It then slowed and sort of disappeared briefly, it reappeared and a second one followed up behind it about an inch behind looking into the sky.

"The first light then grew very bright and moved or shot strait out into outer space, the second made a large arc around the first and then it too, shot out and away following the first. The two objects then faded out of sight.

"A short time later a commercial aircraft, traversing the Melbourne-Sydney corridor, passed through. It was on its normal flight path and altitude, in comparison, its height was very low compared to the lights I saw. These were very high up, possibly outside the atmosphere, and in the later stages, very, very fast moving."

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South Grafton, NSW 20th March 2003, 08:07 p.m.

The primary observer reports seeing a silent V-formation of white lights in flight, initially at an elevation of 80 degrees, with a relative size of three coins at arm's length. The V was visible for about 15 to 20 seconds.

She reports, "At 08:07 p.m., March 20th 2003, my husband and I went outside and both looked up at the sky in a westerly direction. I saw a dull white light, moving overhead in the direction of north to south. I briefly thought it was a satellite, but quickly noticed that it was more than one light, arranged in a V shape and it was moving fast.

"I briefly thought it could be a flock of birds flying in a V-formation, but its speed was inconsistent with this, and being dark, I could see each individual round light, glowed white, and each positioned at the same distance from each other, running along the V-shape.

"It would have had 6-7 lights along each side of the V. Its flight looked lower than a high altitude aeroplane, and it moved about 3 times faster.

"It had a definite geometrical shape and moved in an unwavering linear fashion. I feel it was a large object because of its apparent height above us. We lost sight of it as it moved into a lightly clouded part of the sky."

Kealba, Vic. 13th March 2003, 03:00 a.m.

The observer's sister woke the observer to draw her attention to a bright white light visi-

ble on a perfectly clear night, and an apparently associated humming sound. It was estimated that the light was visible in several different forms, for about 15 minutes, but the changing sizes of the lights made estimating the size of the object impossible.

The reporting observer writes, "My sister woke me at approximately 03:00 a.m. She had seen a strange light in the sky and was watching it for about 5 minutes. I looked out my window and saw a very bright light hovering just behind a tree. It was too big to be a star and too bright to be a plane.

"We watched it for about 30 seconds. It moved slowly in a northerly direction then it turned red and smaller, but we could still make out the 'cigar' shape. It went out of view for a bit and we went into the next room. We looked around later but we could not see it.

"Then, at about 03:10 a.m., we saw it gain. It was in the east but it was going south, and it was much further away and higher. It was moving fast and flashing white then red very quickly, almost flickering. It then moved out of view, behind the neighbours house, and that was the last we saw of it."

Irrewillipe, Vic. 14th February 2003, 09:37 p.m.

On a fine, calm, clear night, the reporting observer's attention, and that of a friend, was drawn to a fast moving bright white light, about 2 to 3 times the size of the brightest star, high in the eastern sky, descending with constant velocity, almost vertically.

After nearly 3 seconds, the light was estimated to be about 5 to 10 km distant, and it attained

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the relative size of ¼ of a five cent coin at arm's length. It rapidly accelerated into an almost horizontal trajectory, and continued to accelerate away, travelling due east until, after 6 seconds, it was no longer visible to the naked eye.

The reporting observer estimates that the light attained a maximum speed of approximately 2 kilometres per second over the flat, light bush country. He also reports that this was an exciting experiencing for him.

Mildura, Vic.

24th December 2002, 12:30 a.m.

While driving northward through flat scrubby terrain, on a tree-lined road, about 60 km south of Mildura, on a fine calm night, the observer, who claims to have been doing 120 km/h, noticed a white light behind his car, becoming brighter and brighter, for about 5 to 10 seconds. Then, for a short interval, the light could no longer be seen, and just as suddenly, it reappeared above the front of his car.

This was no road vehicle overtaking, he thought as an exciting feeling, like electric goose-bumps appearing all over his body, emerged. On closer inspection, he was able to discern a football field sized round flying object with a slight dome on top, at an altitude of one to two telegraph poles, pulling away to the north with an estimated ground speed of 200 to 250 km/h.

While the object was emitting a bright white light, it was also surrounded by a dimmer light, possibly a corona, and a humming sound could also be heard. Within another 5 to 10

seconds, the object had receded to the north and could no longer be seen.

Mitchelton, Brisbane, Qld.

30th July 2001, 05:45 p.m.

The observer writes that she was "... in the open as I made my arthritic way down the front steps with the garbage - I wasn't thinking about UFOs either - in fact I was thinking of what I just had for tea. When I first looked, I thought it was a light aircraft. I was startled - it was all over in seconds - I just went slack-jawed when the 'afterburners' suddenly switched on and glowed yellow, ..."

It was a fine, dry, cloudless, afternoon, and the object first appeared in the northeast sky at an elevation of 60 degrees, with an apparent size of a 50 cent coin at arm's length. The observer estimated that the distance to the object was about 1.5 Olympic swimming pool lengths (75 metres).

The object was described as being "whitish", and similar in size to a short, stubby, single-engine, 4-seater, wingless light aircraft, with a stabilizer visible on the side toward the back, and 2 round portholes, also visible on the side, but with no pilot safety lights.

During the 12 to 15 seconds that the object was observed, it moved to a position north of the observer before activating the 'afterburners', and almost instantly disappearing northward. At no time did the object emit any discernible sound or heat, even when the huge yellow glowing 'afterburners' at the back were switched on.

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Photograph Facing North, Of Yellow Glowing 'Afterburner' Object Location

A big thank you to the observer for including photographs of the location of her sighting, with her sighting report.

Knowsley, Vic.

April-May 2000, 08:00 p.m.

During her 10 minute observation of a formation of 7 bright, white, ball-shaped lights, in a clear sky, the reporting observer was joined by her husband. The formation appeared to be a little less than a quarter of the moon in size, and was not audible. Strange events 10 months later are also included.

The observer reports, "We were staying on our 40 acre property, (farming properties all around), when I walked out of the caravan and looked south. There in the sky were 7 lights. I said to my husband, 'what the hell is that.' We

just looked in amazement trying to work out what it was.

"The lights were just bobbing. They started to come closer to our property, and I admit I got scared. I said to my husband, 'this doesn't look right,' there was no noise, completely silent, you could hear a pin drop. We watched them bob around, dropping a few metres, and then one of them dropped to what we thought was the ground, and disappeared very quickly.

"The others stayed up in the sky, then they all started to head south towards Melbourne. As the lights started to get dimmer and dimmer, my husband wanted to go and look for the one that came down, but I said No, just too freaky.

"A couple of days later, we were in Lilydale, Victoria, when we heard on the radio, people

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calling in saying that they'd seen several lights in the sky at Mt Evelyn.

"Can you tell me what the hell we saw! Also, approximately 10 months later, my husband went up to the property to do some work. At about 09:30 p.m. he heard this horrific scream. The dog went crazy, barking and took off toward the scream.

"The two horses were jumping and pacing around, snorting, and he said their eyes were bulging with fear and uncertainty. My husband had to run after the dog who took off. Calling it, he said, the dog stopped and came back to him when he called it, then to his amazement, he heard something moving very quickly through the property.

"He shone the torch towards the noise and all around, but there was nothing to be seen. My husband said, 'this wasn't a fox, possum or any Australian animal, it was just too heavy, because of the crunching noise on the sticks and

leaves.' He just can't put the noise he heard to any animal.

"We haven't told many people about this, only family and a few close friends, who were sceptical, so we decided not to say anymore about this.

"Last night my husband and I watched the video of 'Signs', with Mel Gibson. I nearly threw up when I saw the same lights in the film as we saw on our property, and how they would just drop from the sky.

"My husband and I just looked at each other, and then there was the scene where Mel Gibson chops the fingers off the alien, who does this terrifying scream. I looked at my husband who went white. I said to him, 'that's the noise you heard.' He just nodded with a shocked look to his face.

"Can you help us or tell us what the hell we heard and saw."

A Star With Two North Poles

Science@NASA

http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2003/22apr_currentsheet.htm

April 22, 2003: Three years ago, something weird happened to the Sun.

Normally, our star has a north and a south magnetic pole. But for nearly a month beginning in March 2000, the Sun's south magnetic pole faded, and a north pole emerged to take its place. The Sun had two north poles.

"It sounds impossible, but it's true," says space physicist Pete Riley of Science Applica-

tions International Corporation (SAIC) in San Diego. "In fact, it's a fairly normal side-effect of the solar cycle." Every 11 years around solar maximum, the Sun's magnetic field goes haywire as the Sun's underlying magnetic dynamo reorganizes itself. The March 2000 event was simply a part of that upheaval.

The south pole migrated north and, for a while, became a band of south magnetic flux smeared around the Sun's equator....

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Elizabeth South SA, 15/01/03

The observer was on his way home from work in Elizabeth South at 11:45 p.m. when he spotted two circular orange lights, about twice the size of the largest star. They were both in the eastern sky, one at 40 degrees elevation, and the second at 70 degrees, moving toward the west.

The first object commenced flashing in sets of three flashes, being very bright while in the east, but fading as it moved into the northern sky, while still heading westward. Also, the second object appeared to be keeping in formation with the first.

Both objects passed over the nearby RAAF Air Force base before turning slightly and heading toward St Vincent Gulf. When phoned, the base indicated that they had no knowledge of the objects and that they had no aircraft in the air that night.

There were seven in all who watched the objects as they moved out of sight toward the sea.

Rosewater SA, 11/04/03

At around 08:15 p.m., the observer, who was driving along the Torrens Road, watched four round red-orange lights for five minutes. When he stopped the car and alighted, one of the lights disappeared almost immediately, and a second shortly thereafter. A third com-

menced pulsating and disappeared 2 minutes later.

The fourth light also commenced pulsating, but while initially quite bright, and continuing to pulsate, faded away over a five minute interval, until no longer visible.

Talbot Vic, 19/04/03

On the 19th of April 2003, at approximately 09:30 p.m., the reporting observer, who normally resides in South Australia, was camped in Victoria with his camping partner. They both watched an unusual object fly over scrubby land just outside of Talbot, Victoria.

The object was described as an orange four-pointed star, consisting of a constant intensity orange glowing core, with four long, pointed, prisms of light, approximately equally spaced around the core in a co-planer fashion. The front of the object, indicated by its orientation while in flight, appeared to be between two of the pointed light prisms.

As they watched the object, which was flying on an east to west trajectory, through the calm night atmosphere, it silently passed directly overhead at an estimated speed of 150 to 200 miles per hour (241 to 321 kilometre per hour), and at an estimated altitude of 1000 to 1500 feet (305 to 457 metre). It maintained a constant direction and speed, and after about 60 seconds was no longer visible.

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UFO ENCOUNTER 209, 210, December 2002-March 2003

Brisbane City

Friday 25/10/02 01:00 p.m.

Whilst waiting for my wife to alight from the river ferry at Eagle Pier in the city centre at 13:00, I was looking up at the tall buildings and noticed a bright white round ball or disc slowly moving from SE to NW. The size of the disc would be approx 2 mm at arms length. There was no cloud when first observed to reflect from the object. As it passed overhead some very high thin cirrus cloud passed underneath the object and obscured it slightly. This high cloud was passing in the opposite direction to the object. My estimation of the altitude would be between 20,000-30,000 feet.

As the object emerged from the cirrus cloud it appeared to wobble slightly and the surface went grey and white for about two or three minutes. The sun was obstructed by the high buildings, but was very close to the object, which did not give the same shadow profile if you were observing an aircraft. As an aviation enthusiast I am always looking at aircraft at various altitudes and this did not fall into any category that I have seen in the past. If it was a meteorological balloon, I believe it would have looked different.

Cambooya

Thursday 31/10/02, 07:52 p.m.

A farmer observed lights, like the headlights of a car, travelling northeast. They were moving straight and low and level. He observed them for 6 seconds. He has seen this type of thing

before many years ago. He has also had other UFO sightings as well as witnessing unexplained purple flashes near Toowoomba.

He has had some crop circles form on his property, one of them was 30 feet in diameter and all of the grass had disappeared from the centre with the grass shortened further out towards the edge.

Bellbowrie

Thursday 31/10/02, 07:53 p.m.

A bright white light was reported moving across the sky from SW to SE. It had a tail and broke into 4 or 5 pieces, which disappeared after one second. It passed to the south before it hit the ground. It was observed for 7 seconds.

Lowood

Thursday 31/10/02, 07:55 p.m.

A surveyor observed a bright white and blue object travelling west to east. It was going down slowly, about 5 degrees, with an angular speed of 20 degrees per second. He said it wasn't a plane and it had a trail. He observed it for 4 seconds. He had seen something similar but smaller about 5 years ago.

Mt Ommaney, Brisbane

Monday 16/12/02, 09:00 p.m.

A man was walking his dog across the Mcleod Golf Course when he saw what appeared to be

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a shooting star but travelling in an upward direction. He was facing east at the time. He said it went from a very large light about the size of a street light, to a very small speck then into nothing.

When he first observed it he thought it was out over the ocean. It was white, round, had no tail, was solid looking and appeared to him to move with intelligent purpose. It moved upwards at a 45 degree angle before accelerating into outer space. The further it moved away the faster it accelerated. He observed it for 30 seconds to one minute.

Ipswich

Thursday 19/12/02, 07:00 p.m.

A man was having drinks outside with his neighbours when he saw 2 dark orange objects moving from east to west. They were joined together with a short stubby stick that created a dumb-bell shape. The objects were travelling at a consistent speed and altitude of about 45 degree elevation while having a consistent spinning or tumbling motion.

He observed them for only a short while before they were lost to view behind trees. The objects travelled at the speed of a light aircraft, seemed to be about 1 km away, and made no noise. This gentleman is a retired military radar operator. He has not seen anything like this before. There were 4 witnesses to this incident.

Labrador

Monday 06/01/03 07:35 p.m.

On Monday 6th January 2003 at approximately 07:35 p.m. my partner and I were outside the

house on our back patio. I observed a very bright row of four to five lights with my naked eye. These lights were much too large to be a plane however they were on about the same level as the flight path to Brisbane from the Gold Coast (maybe a little higher). As I jumped up to take a closer look a large cloud blocked our view (rolling large clouds were passing overhead with fairly high wind) and we stood for probably 4-5 minutes waiting for the lights to emerge from the cloud - this never happened. I would say that I witnessed the lights for only a few seconds and there was no sound emitting from this object whatsoever (generally we can hear planes flying along this flight path). It looked to be about the length of a cigarette lighter held at arms length. The lights were very bright and whitish in colour. Unfortunately I could not see the actual shape of the object, as the lights were so bright. The object was seen in the northeast of our home at Labrador.

As we stood waiting for this object to emerge from the large cloud it had disappeared behind, a very large shooting star appeared from the northeast and flew to the southwest in a very large arc. We could actually see a vapour trail and it seemed as if it was breaking up before our eyes. It was a very unusual sighting for this time of evening and the size was enormous.

At approximately 07:45 p.m. we were still gazing to the stars, as we couldn't believe what we had seen when we noticed another strange object in the sky. At first we thought it was a satellite as it was quite faint and very high in the sky, however this was stationary and then started to move slowly, and then changed direction - not normal for satellites! After another minute or so another faint light

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appeared and also veered off in the same direction. These two more faint lights did not seem to move very quickly, and both appeared in the northeast and moved to the southwest before we lost sight of them.

I have read quite a number of publications on UFOs and the sighting of the huge shooting star had me quite convinced that the first object we spotted could well have been a UFO studying the effects of this meteor hitting our atmosphere.

Pt O'Halloran, Victoria Point Thursday 16/01/03, 08:40 p.m.

A bright orange round object, half the size of the moon, was seen travelling from the SE towards Mt Coot-tha in the NW. It was observed by 2 witnesses, getting brighter as it travelled closer towards them. It moved in a steady motion, staying the same colour. It was silent and maintained a constant altitude while the witnesses observed it for 7 to 8 minutes.

Mt Gravatt, Brisbane Tuesday 25/02/03 09:45 p.m.

A woman was sitting outside on her veranda (first floor) having a cigarette before she went to bed. She saw two luminous electric blue lights race past her up the street travelling from north to south at extremely high speed, one immediately behind the other. They were 1 metre square, luminous bright blue with a white blurred edge around them like cotton wool. As they raced up the street there was a tremendous roar and such a ferocious wind

that it uprooted a tree (conifer) across the street. They went past her faster than she could blink her eyes. She was the only one awake and with the light on at the time.

She also reported another experience she had 30 or 40 years ago where she was driving along a lonely stretch of road travelling towards Melbourne from Albury. She was by herself and it was about 09:00 p.m., she thinks, when she saw a large lime green cigar-shaped craft on her left pacing her car 100 metres away and at about twice the height of a telephone pole. She could see persons sitting inside the craft but she could not distinguish them very well. She thought there were about 6 people sitting down and they appeared to be dressed in uniform, as they were all dressed the same. She described the object as about the size of a small car, which paced her car for 40 miles.

When she slowed her car down the object would slow down, and when she increased speed it would increase speed. She kept wondering how she was going to shake the object off and was very frightened. As she got to a turn off point at the Digger's Rest Hotel, she stopped her car and the object just vanished. She was very frightened by the whole event and went inside the hotel to get a drink to settle her nerves and compose herself. She was known by the locals at the hotel so when she went inside they asked her what was wrong, as she looked all shook up. She didn't want to tell them what happened because she knew they would laugh, so she just said she was tired. She said she has told no one in her family about these experiences, as she knows they will not believe her and question her sanity.

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Stalin Was A UFO Obsessive

Guardian, London, England – Nov. 23, 2002

UFO Newscipping Service, January 2003, Number 402

The US government might have spent more than half a century trying to convince suspicious conspiracy theorists that no UFO ever crashed at Roswell, New Mexico, but one man never believed the official story. That man, according to **Pravda** (Nov 19), was Joseph Stalin. The Soviet dictator apparently thought the US was covering up with its story of a weather balloon crashing, so he ordered senior scientists to investigate.

"In order to assess the situation, the scientists recommended that Stalin organise special investigations of similar phenomena. As a result, a number of programmes to study UFOs were launched in the USSR ... Until the end of the 90s, there were seven research institutes and about 10 secret military departments of the [former] Soviet defence ministry that studied UFO phenomena." In fact, suggests **Pravda**, one UFO-related discovery - the remains of an ancient alien rocket - provided vital technical knowledge for the Soviet space programme. The paper, once home to endless accounts of Communist party congresses, did not offer any evidence to back this assertion.

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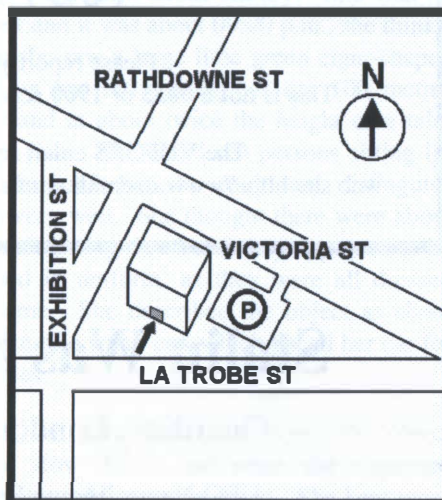
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SOCIETY HISTORY

1957

At this point, perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. About the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" was formed and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered - this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

It was during this time the Society published various papers and is probably best known for its publication "Australian Flying Saucer Review", curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the "The Australian U.F.O. Bulletin". At one stage, V.U.F.O.R.S. sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station, under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

In 1978, following the resignation of Mr. Peter Norris the current executive, Mrs. Judith Magee, Messrs. Paul Norman and Clive Yates, was placed in control, ensuring the continuing prosperity of V.U.F.O.R.S. The Society has held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in general meetings and discussion nights and maintained the largest U.F.O. library in the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, the loss of books, probably due to the high cost of postage, has forced V.U.F.O.R.S. to discontinue this service to members.

V.U.F.O.R.S. still holds quarterly meetings commencing in March, at the Royal Society building in Melbourne, and membership of our Society is open to all who are genuinely interested in the UFO subject. (See opposite page for details).

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